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Air India Aircraft Incident
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Air India aircraft flying from Kolkata to Delhi witnessed a serious scare when the pilots reported fumes and smoke in the cockpit of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether initial report on it was that the Cabin Air Compressor (CAC) which pumps air inside the aircraft of the cockpit may have failed, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Air India in recent days witnessed a number of CAC failures in its Dreamliners; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Air India in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a)&(b): On 13th November, 2016, Air India flight AI-021 (CCU-DEL), B787-8 aircraft, VT-ANI had experienced some smoke in Cabin and Cockpit. The flight crew observed fumes/smoke and carried out Smoke/Fire/Fumes check list. Subsequently, the smoke got cleared. The aircraft made priority landing at Delhi.

(c): During rectification action, one of the left hand outlet check valve was found cracked and valve stopper missing. The same was replaced and subsequent operation of both packs was found satisfactory. Aircraft was released to service with concurrence of Boeing.;

(d)&(e): Earlier, on 22nd September, 2015, B787-8 aircraft VT-ANB while operating flight AI-314 on sector Delhi- Hongkong, Crew reported fumes in cabin and cockpit and the aircraft was diverted to Kolkata.

To avoid re-occurrence of such incident, Boeing has introduced hardware and software modifications through service bulletin to address this issue. The same are being complied by AI.
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